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PHOENIX

24 MAY 68 IN 17774

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1. [ ] INTEREST IS IN VARIOUS LEGAL MEASURES, DECREES AND PROCEDURES DEVELOPED DURING EMERGENCY IN MALAYA WHICH HAVE RELEVANCE TO CURRENT COUNTERINSURGENCY AND ANTI-INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS IN VIETNAM.

2. TRIP WAS PLANNED ORIGINALLY LAST FALL PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS BY MR. COLBY BUT NOT MADE THEN DUE LACK OF TIME.

3. [ ] OUTLINE FOR PRESENT LEGAL EFFORT HERE FORWARDED BY [ ] PRINCIPAL TASK IS INVESTIGATION OF DETAILS OF LEGAL PROCESSING OF CIVIL DETAINEES AND STUDY OF CASE FLOW AND LOAD OF PROVINCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEES AND MILITARY COURTS. BASED ON FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR IMPROVING AND EXPEDITING PROCESSING AND FOR CORRECTING ABUSES.

4. MR. ROBERT F. GOULD, FSO WITH LEGAL AND VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE BACKGROUND, MADE AVAILABLE BY AFCOFS, CORDS TO ASSIST THIS EFFORT UNDER [ ] SUPERVISION. MR. GOULD ALREADY HAS DONE USEFUL WORK IN II AND IV CORPS.

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5. NEW MILITARY FIELD COURT FIRST OF FOUR ADDITIONAL  
 AUTHORIZED, ORGANIZED IN SAIGON AND COMMENCED HEARINGS 6 MAY.  
 AMBASSADOR KOMER HAS CHARGED PHOENIX TO PUSH ACTIVATION SOONEST  
 OF OTHER THREE, AND [ ] STUDIES WILL ASIST THIS.

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